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Applicant	: Gillis et al.	Art Unit	: 1616
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Title	: METHODS OF TREATING CONDITIONS USING METAL-CONTAINING MATERIALS		

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 30, 2007

In reply to the Office Action of July 30, 2007, Applicant submits the following remarks.


The Examiner rejected claims 1, 43-45, and 48-49 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-7 and 12-28 of U.S. Patent No. 7,087,249. Applicants submitted a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent No. 7,087,249 on July 19, 2007 as part of a Supplemental Reply to an Office Action of March 20, 2007 to obviate this rejection. However, Applicants believe the terminal disclaimer was not received prior to issuance of the Office Action of July 30, 2007. Applicants believe that the rejection should be withdrawn in view of the terminal disclaimer.

Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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